



# SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

**March 23, 2004**

#### **THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:**

The San Bruno City Council met in Regular Session at the San Bruno Senior Center at 1555 Crystal Springs Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Mayor Franzella** thanked the **San Bruno Garden Club** for providing the beautiful floral arrangement.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Recorded by City Clerk Simon, present were Mayor Franzella, presiding; Vice Mayor O'Connell, Councilmembers Ibarra, Pallas, and Ruane.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Mayor Franzella** asked **Assistant City Manager Steve Rogers** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Delegation of students and City Officials from our **Sister City, Narita Japan**, will visit San Bruno March 24-29, 2004.
- b. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** & meet your City Officials **Pancake Breakfast** Saturday, April 3, 2004, San Bruno City Park. Breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. and Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m.
- c. Mayor Franzella announces San Bruno's participation in the **"Buy Recycled Paper Campaign"**.
- d. **San Bruno Redevelopment Agency** meeting follows tonight's City Council meeting.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District **Manager, Robert Gay**, presented information to the City Council regarding the implementation of services for **mosquito and disease control** in the City of San Bruno. He explained that, services provided by the Abatement District include not only protection, but education as well. One of the things they are currently concerned about and preparing for, in addition to mosquitoes, are yellow jackets. The District's main concern is that schools receive information on identifying yellow jackets and how to handle the situation. Mayor Franzella asked the City Manager to make sure that all of the schools in San Bruno, no matter what district they are in, receive literature from the Abatement District. Mayor Franzella also requested the City Clerk post a Notice of Vacancy for a resident to serve on the Mosquito Abatement District Board.

#### **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Item 9b has been deferred.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** For the regular Council meeting of March 9, 2004, approved as submitted.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. **Approve: Payroll** of March 12, 2004
- b. **Approve: Accounts Payable** of March 1 & 8, 2004. (Council Packets only, copy is available for review at the City Clerk's office)
- c. **Accept: Reconciliation of General Ledger** to Bank reports and the **Investment** reports dated February 29, 2004, as submitted by City Treasurer Karen Hornung.

**M/S O'Connell/Ruane**, to approve the Consent Calendar. Passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Notices have been published, posted, and mailed)**

- a. A Public Hearing was held to conduct the First Reading of **Ordinance No. 1691** Amending Chapter 10.08 of the San Bruno Municipal Code related to the provision of General Regulations for, Collection of Charges for, and Penalties for Non-Compliance relating to **Municipal Services. Revenue Manager Nick Pegueros** outlined the proposed ordinance and answered questions.

**Robert Riechel, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.,** asked if this would just effect new customers only and does it also apply to existing customers. Also, how much of a problem is, existing customers going bankrupt?

**Mayor Franzella** answered that this only involves new customers. There are always going to be a few accounts that go bankrupt. The problem that this provision addresses is, the accounts that are historically late, then they just leave town.

**No one else wished to address the Council.**

**M/S Ruane/Ibarra,** to close the Public Hearing. Passed unanimously.

**M/S Ruane/O’Connell,** to waive the first reading. Passed unanimously.

**Councilmember Ruane introduced,** the ordinance for adoption. Passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- b. A Public Hearing was held to consider a request from Chief of Police Violett to adopt a resolution, approving request for **Citizens’ Option For Public Safety (COPS)** grant funds for fiscal year 2003-04 in the amount of \$100,000. **Chief Violett** gave an overview of the resolution.

**No one wished to address the Council.**

**M/S Ibarra/Ruane,** to close the Public Hearing. Passed unanimously.

**Councilmember Ruane introduced,** the resolution for adoption. Passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**CALL FOR, PRESENTATION OF BIDS, and AWARD OF CONTRACTS:**

- a. **Public Works Director Munns** recommended that the City Council adopt an amendment to the FY 2003-04 Capital Improvement Program, appropriating \$165,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund for the **Well No. 20 Project**; and award the Well No.20 Filtration Facilities Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Value Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$294,534.

**M/S Pallas/Ruane,** to approve. Passed unanimously.

- b. **Public Works Director Munns** recommended City Council authorize the City Manager to execute contract amendments upon approval as to form by the City Attorney with **Global Environmental Services** for the following:

- (1.) Contract Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$37,134 for engineering services related to the design of **access ladder improvements** at Tanks 9 and 10; and
- (2.) Contract Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$5,280 for preparation of a Federally mandated **vulnerability assessment** as required under the Public Health Security and Bio-terrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. **Public Works Deputy Director Jerry Bradshaw** answered questions. In that process, a reference to Chloramine was made. He took the opportunity to give an update. On February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the City’s water was converted to a Chloramine disinfectant. Deputy Bradshaw wanted the Council and public to know that very few calls have been received, all of them general questions about the conversion, none of them complaints. His summation being, the conversion was uneventful.

**Councilmember Pallas** noted that Winn Parker, a Medical Science Technologist, recently addressed the Millbrae City Council, speaking negatively about the effects of Chloramine. He suggested Mr. Winn be invited to our Council meeting on, April 27<sup>th</sup>. **Mayor Franzella** said that he would work with staff on this matter.

**Rose Urbach, Euclid Ave.,** knows of a woman in Burlingame, whose fish died in her fish tank. Rose feels that we have to get serious about this, and she wonders what the potential risks are.

**M/S Ibarra/O’Connell,** to approve Contract Amendments 2 & 3. Passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- a. **Finance Director O’Leary** recommended that the City Council adopt resolution amending the 2003-04 Capital Improvement Program Budget in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the City’s share of capital improvements at the joint **Wastewater Treatment Plant** in South San Francisco.

**Councilmember Pallas** expressed concern about Chloramine being discharged through our sewage system into the bay and killing plant life.

**Public Works Deputy Director Bradshaw** explained that a sewage treatment plant operates on a completely different set of criteria than drinking water. The City researched this before they embarked on the conversion. The end product that the councilman is referring to is ammonia, the amount that would come through into the bay, is so miniscule compared to the other components, it would have no effect on the limits that we are allowed to discharge into the bay. We are in complete compliance with the Clean Water Act.

**Robert Riechel, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.,** asked if these improvements would result in fewer sewer spills in the Belle Air neighborhood.

**Deputy Bradshaw** answered that this item is similar to but not related to the project currently underway that should cure the sewage spills and be completed before the next rainy season.

**Councilmember Ruane introduced** the resolution for adoption. Passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- b. **Finance Director O’Leary** recommended that the City Council adopt resolution ordering the write-off of uncollectible water, wastewater, and garbage accounts for the periods of 1996-97 \$463.07, 1997-98 \$12,559.37, 1998-99 \$96,272.29, 1999-00 \$44,413.62, 2000-01 \$30,339.14, and 2001-02 \$50,893.10. Introduction and roll call vote. (This item was deferred to a future agenda with no action taken.)

**REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY - RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: No one wished to speak.**

**REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES:**

**Traffic Safety & Parking Committee** recommends City Council adopt resolution-authorizing installation of STOP sign on East Angus Avenue at 1st Avenue. **Public Works Deputy Director Merrill Buck** gave an update that the Council had requested six months ago after the installation of 14 STOP signs in the Belle Air neighborhood. He was pleased to report that since then, there has only been one accident, as compared to a documented eleven, in 2001. During the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee’s, six-month review process, they made this recommendation.

**Robert Riechel, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.,** asked, how much it would cost to install the sign, or would it be financially advantageous for us to wait until Caltrain begins the Grade Separation and let them re-work that intersection. **Deputy Buck** explained that, for materials and staff time, the total cost is about \$200.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilmember Pallas** requested that staff investigate the feasibility of forming a Utility Commission. **Mayor Franzella** directed that the request be put under “New Business” on the second meeting in April agenda for Council discussion of establishing a Citizen Utility Advisory Commission.

**Mayor Franzella recessed** the City Council meeting and called to order the San Bruno Redevelopment Agency at 8:00 p.m.

**At 8:10 p.m. the City Council meeting was reconvened and recessed to Closed Session.**

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**CLOSED SESSION:**

Assistant City Manager Steve Rogers had requested a closed session for labor negotiations concerning Police represented by Teamsters Local 856 and the San Bruno Public Safety Mid-Management bargaining units. (Gov't Code Section 54957.8)

**The City Council meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m. and Mayor Franzella** reported, direction was given on how to proceed and that there were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm, to the **City Council Study Session on, March 30, 2004**, at City Hall, 567 El Camino Real, at 5:30 p.m., in the Sister City Conference Room #115. Thereafter, to the regular City Council meeting of April 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., at the Senior Center, located at 1555 Crystal Springs Road.

Respectfully submitted for approval  
at a regular meeting of the San Bruno  
City Council on April 13, 2004

**Ed Simon, City Clerk**

**Larry Franzella, Mayor**